

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, quality education and skill development opportunities help ensure that the young people of the Palmetto State have the resources necessary to make healthy decisions that will enable them to achieve their full potential and become future leaders and productive citizens of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina teens are often faced with difficult decisions regarding sexual activity, abstinence and teen pregnancy, the use of alcohol and other drugs, and gang activity and crime which can have severe implications for their future lives as happy and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, tragically, some teens lack the skills and guidance necessary to make responsible decisions; and

WHEREAS, the West Metro Youth Leadership Institute, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, and Coker College are committed to working together with teens, parents, schools, and community leaders to ensure that our young people acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to make responsible, informed decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2007, as

TEENS IN FOCUS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to educate our young people to make responsible choices and informed decisions.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA